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SUBJECT: WTO HEADQUARTERS COST

REF: GENEVA 1578

1. AS WTO IS NOT TO BE A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY (A POINT WHICH HAS BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE), AND AS ALL POTENTIAL MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS HAVE EMPHASIZED INTENTION TO HOLD DOWN WTO BUDGET, PRESUMPTION OF LONATI THAT WTO STAFF WILL BE PAID AT UN COMMON SYSTEM LEVEL (INCLUDING UN POST ALLOWANCES, ETC.) IS SIMPLY PRESUMPTION OF LONATI. WHEN HE ADVANCED PRESUMPTION AT PANAMA MEETING OF IUOTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER, U.S. AND OTHERS QUESTIONED NEED OF INSTITUTING UN SALARY SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF WTO. CALCULATION BY LONATI THAT PRESENT IUOTO STAFF

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WILL BE DOUBLED, IF NOT TRIPLED, FOR PURPOSES OF WTO ALMOST

CERTAINLY WILL ENCOUNTER STRONG OPPOSITION GIVEN STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE IN PREPARATORY MEETINGS, WHERE USSR AND ITALY HAVE ARGUED FOR NO GROWTH FROM IUOTO BUDGETARY BASE.

2. AGREE LONATI MUST EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE QUARTERS ARRANGEMENTS IN GENEVA IN VIEW OF DECEMBER 31 TERMINATION OF IUOTO QUARTERS, SINCE FIRST WTO ASSEMBLY MAY WELL NOT BE ABLE TO

TAKE DECISION ON SITE OF PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS, BUT WE WOULD HOPE RESULTS OF HIS EXPLORATION COULD BE HANDLED DISCRETELY AND NOT BECOME TROUBLESOME NEW DIMENSION IN ALREADY COMPLICATED PERMANENT SITE ISSUE.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, U.S. POSITION ON WTO HEADQUARTERS SITE REMAINS UNCHANGED. U.S. IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT ZAGREB SO LONG AS CANDIDACY OF ZAGREB REMAINS VIABLE. INGERSOLL

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